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What Is Claimed Is:

1.(amended) A 6-methylpyridine derivative, represented by the following formula I:

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

2.(amended) A method for preparing 6-methylpyridine derivative by reacting 2-chloro-6-methylnicotinic acid of chemical formula II with 4-(4-morpholino) aniline of chemical formula III as shown in the following scheme:

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3.(amended) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment and prevention of hepatitis C comprising 6-methylpyridine derivative, represented by the following formula I: